

REMARKS

Per the telephone conversation with the Examiner on October 26, 2005, Applicant submits the above amendments to the claims, specifically, amendments to claims 1, 19, 29, 35, and 42, and cancellation of claims 45-59. Thus, claims 1-16, 19-23, and 29-44 are pending in the case. As noted above, a Request for Continued Examination is included herewith. Reconsideration of the present case is earnestly requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 103 Rejections

Claims 1-16, 19-23, and 29-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,745,274, "Snyder") in view of AAPA and further in view of Inohara et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,952, "Inohara").

Applicant believes the proposed amendments place the application into condition for allowance. In the above mentioned telephone conversation, the Examiner indicated that the claims as currently amended are patentably distinct and non-obvious over the cited art of Snyder, AAPA (Applicant's admitted prior art), and Inohara.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-50200/JCH.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Request for Continued Examination

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